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APPLICANTS: Nicholas J. Rush, Jason M. Kapalka, and Sukhbir S. Sidhu
SERIAL NO.: 09/715,385
FILING DATE: November 16, 2000
TITLE: Positive-Return Gambling
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PETITION FOR FILING ON BEHALF OF OMITTED INVENTORS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.47(a)

Dear Sir:

One of the named co-inventors, Nicholas J. Rush, hereby petitions the Commissioner to accept the filing of the above-referenced U.S. patent application by him, as a joint inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the patent application, on behalf of, and as agent for, the omitted inventors, Jason M. Kapalka and Sukhbir S. Sidhu.

The complete names, last known addresses, and citizenships of the omitted inventors are:

Jason M. Kapalka
526 Shrader Street
San Francisco, CA 94117
Citizen of Canada

Sukhbir S. Sidhu
320 North Civic Drive, #313
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Citizen of United Kingdom

Two DECLARATIONS OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING ON BEHALF OF OMITTED INVENTORS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) (hereinafter "DECLARATIONS OF FACTS") - one by Reuben L. Nocos and one by Amir H. Raubvogel - are enclosed to provide proof of the pertinent facts concerning the diligent effort to reach and find the omitted inventors to join in the above-referenced patent application. The DECLARATIONS OF FACTS also establish the named co-inventor, Nicholas J. Rush, as a joint inventor in the subject matter of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the above-named co-inventor, Nicholas J. Rush, is entitled to file the above-referenced patent application on behalf of the omitted inventors, Jason M. Kapalka and Sukhbir S. Sidhu. The enclosed EXHIBITS are provided to support statements made in the enclosed DECLARATION OF FACTS.

As stated in the enclosed DECLARATIONS OF FACTS, Nicholas J. Rush is a joint inventor of the subject matter of the above-referenced patent application

along with Jason M. Kapalka and Sukhbir S. Sidhu. Mr. Kapalka and Mr. Sidhu cannot be reached or found to sign a timely DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION after a diligent effort to obtain their signatures. Therefore, Nicholas J. Rush, as joint inventor, makes this application on behalf of, and as agent for, the omitted inventors, Jason M. Kapalka and Sukhbir S. Sidhu, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.47(a).

Also enclosed herewith is a DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION that was signed by the joint inventor, Nicholas J. Rush, on his own behalf, on May 31, 2001 for the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

A POWER OF ATTORNEY OR AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT signed by the joint inventor, Nicholas J. Rush, on his own behalf, is also enclosed.

The required fee of \$130 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.17(i) is also enclosed.

This petition is being filed along with a RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION in response to a
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION
dated February 27, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
NICHOLAS J. RUSH, et al.

Dated: JUL 20/01


By: 
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**DECLARATION BY REUBEN L. NOCOS OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF
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Dear Sir:

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respectively), for the above-referenced patent application after deposit in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

This Declaration of Facts is being made by an available person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited therein.

I, Reuben L. Nocos, being employed by Electronic Arts Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 209 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065 (hereinafter "Electronic Arts"), hereby declare that:

1. I am a Legal Administrative Assistant for Electronic Arts.
2. It is my information and belief that Jason M. Kapalka and Sukhbir S. Sidhu are joint inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-referenced patent application.
3. It is my information and belief that Mr. Kapalka and Mr. Sidhu were employed at Pogo.com when they co-invented the subject matter claimed in the above-referenced patent application, and were obligated to assign the subject matter of the above-referenced patent application to Pogo.com, Inc., (hereinafter "Pogo.com"), a Delaware corporation, having a place of business at 300 California Street, 8th floor, San Francisco, CA 94104. Pogo.com is entitled to assignment of all inventor rights and interests involving the above-referenced patent application. It is my information and belief that Pogo.com has been acquired by EA.com.

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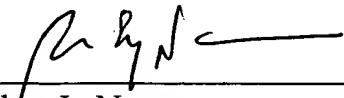
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein to the best of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 07-19-01

By: 
Reuben L. Nocos
Electronic Arts Inc.
209 Redwood Shores Parkway
Redwood City, CA 94065



May 24, 2001

Via Federal Express

Mr. Sukhbir Sidhu
320 North Civic Drive
Apt. 313
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

RE: Positive-Return Gambling Patent Application

Dear Sukhbir:


My name is Reuben Nocos and I work in the EA Legal Department in Redwood Shores. Since you are one of the inventors of the *Positive-Return Gambling*, it is very important that you review the enclosed packet for the above patent application. Please read through the packet of forms and sign where indicated. Upon signing, please return the packet using the pre-paid Federal Express packet also enclosed with this letter.

Please note that you must sign the last set of forms (the Assignment) in the presence of a notary public. We will gladly reimburse you for the notarization costs when you submit your receipt.

Feel free to call me at (650) 628-7838 if you have any questions. You may also reach me via email at rnocos@ea.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Reuben L. Nocos
Legal Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
☒ Application No. 09/715,385, filed on November 16, 2000,
☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

All statements made herein of my/our knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

Inventor one: Nicholas J. Rush Citizen of: USA

Signature:  Date: 5/31/01

Inventor two: Jason M. Kapalka Citizen of: Canada

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Inventor three: Sukhbir S. Sidhu Citizen of: United Kingdom

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Inventor four: _____ Citizen of: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ Additional inventors are being named on _____ additional form(s) attached hereto.

Burden Hour Statement: This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. and 37 CFR 1.63. The information is used by the public to file (and the PTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 1 minute to complete. This time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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First Named Inventor	Nicholas J. Rush
Group Art Unit	3711
Examiner Name	Not yet known
Attorney Docket Number	4862

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Applicant/Inventor.



Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name

Nicholas J. Rush

Signature

Date

5/31/01

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.

☒ *Total of three forms are submitted.

ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the person(s) named below (referred to as "INVENTOR" whether singular or plural) has sold, assigned, and transferred and does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Pogo.com, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at 300 California Street, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104 ("ASSIGNEE"), for itself and its successors, transferees, and assignees, the following:

1. The entire worldwide right, title, and interest in all inventions and improvements ("SUBJECT MATTER") that are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled: **POSITIVE-RETURN GAMBLING** ("APPLICATION"), which:

☐ is to be filed herewith

☒ was filed on November 16, 2000, now bearing U.S. serial number 09/715,385 and for which a Declaration was executed by INVENTOR on the date(s) below; and

2. The entire worldwide right, title, and interest in and to:
(a) the APPLICATION, including any right of priority; (b) any divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other related applications thereto which have been or may be filed in the United States or elsewhere in the world; and (c) any patents which may be granted on the applications set forth in (a) and (b) above.

INVENTOR agrees that ASSIGNEE may apply for and receive patents for SUBJECT MATTER in ASSIGNEE's own name.

INVENTOR agrees to do the following, when requested, and without further consideration, in order to carry out the intent of this Assignment: (1) execute all oaths, assignments, powers of attorney, applications, and other papers necessary or desirable to fully secure to ASSIGNEE the rights, titles and interests herein conveyed; (2) communicate to ASSIGNEE all known facts relating to the SUBJECT MATTER; and (3) generally do all lawful acts that ASSIGNEE shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining, and enforcing worldwide patent protection relating to the SUBJECT MATTER and for vesting in ASSIGNEE the rights, titles, and interests herein conveyed. INVENTOR further agrees to provide any successor, assign, or legal representative of ASSIGNEE with the benefits and assistance provided to ASSIGNEE hereunder.

INVENTOR represents that INVENTOR has the rights, titles, and interests to convey as set forth herein, and covenants with ASSIGNEE that the INVENTOR has made or will make hereafter no assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other agreement affecting the rights, titles, and interests herein conveyed.

INVENTOR grants the attorney of record the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

Title of Document: ASSIGNMENT

Re:
 Title: Positive-Return Gambling
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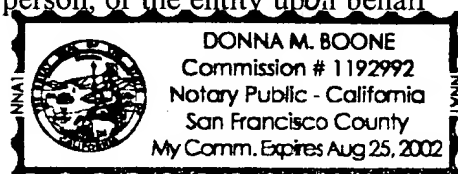
This Assignment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which may be taken together as one and the same Assignment.

Name and Signature	Date of Signature	Date Declaration Executed By This Person
<u>Nicholas J. Rush</u>	<u>6/4/01</u>	

State of CALIFORNIA
 County of SAN FRANCISCO

On JUNE 4, 2001 before me, DONNA M. BOONE, Notary Public personally appeared Nicholas J. Rush ~~personally known to me or~~ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that ~~he/she~~ executed the same in his/~~her~~ authorized capacity, and that by ~~his/her~~ signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

Donna M. Boone



Name and Signature	Date of Signature	Date Declaration Executed By This Person
<u>Jason M. Kapalka</u>		

State of _____
 County of _____

On _____ before me, _____ personally appeared Jason M. Kapalka personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

Exhibit A 5 of 7

Re:

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I, Amir H. Raubvogel, being employed by Fenwick & West LLP and having a business address at Two Palo Alto Square, Palo Alto, California, hereby declare that:

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Dated: Jul 20/01

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Jason M. Kapalka
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San Francisco, CA 94117

RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/715,385
Filed: November 16, 2000
Title: POSITIVE-RETURN GAMBLING
Inventors: Nicholas J. Rush, Jason M. Kapalka
and Sukhbir S. Sidhu
Our Ref.: Case 4862 (19615-04862)

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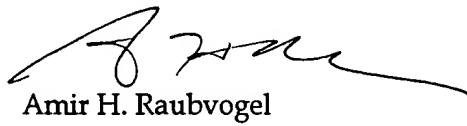
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I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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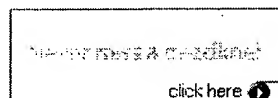
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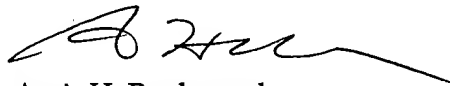
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